(घ) देश में कोककर कोयले की स्वदेशी उपलब्धता में वृद्धि करने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों में वर्तमान धोवनशालाओं में सभी दीर्घकालीन आधुनिकीकरण कार्यों को शीघ्र पूरा करना, पहले से ही कार्यान्वयानाधीन कोककर कोयले की विभिन्न परियोजनाओं की कड़ी निगरानी करना, दो कोककर कोयला धोवनशालाओं अर्थात बी सी सी एल में मधुबन्द और सी सी एल में केंडला को शीघ्र चालू करना आदि शामिल है।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up of Ancillary/Downstream Projects for Visakhapatnam Steel Project

2371. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Task Force was set up to indentify the setting up of ancillary/ downstream project for Visakhapatnam Steel Project (VSP);

(b) if so, the names of the companies and products selected during the last three years;

(c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with all the units selected by the Task Force for the supply of raw materials;

(d) the names of the selected companies with which the Memorandum of Understanding has not been signed so far and the reasons therefor?

(e) the units which have started commercial production; and

(f) the steps initiated to encourage the development of ancillary/downstream Units for VSP?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir. In September, 1990 the Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted a special Task Force with the District Collector, Visakhapatnam as the Chairman and representatives from Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, District Industries Centre of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pardesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation, Andhra Pradesh, State Finance Corporation and the State Bank of India as the Members.

(b) Since 1993-94 thirty seven (37) downstream and ancillary industries have been identified. The names of the downstream and ancillary units selected are given in the enclosed statement-I.

(c) So far, MoU has been signed with 28 units.

(d) MoU has not been signed with remaining 9 units, details of which are given enclosed staement-II (*See* below).

(e) 14 units have started commercial production as indicated in the enclosed statement I (above).

(f) The progress of the units which are yet to be commissioned and which are not performing well is being regularly followed up by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant through the constituted special Task Force. These entrepreneurs are also being counselled both by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the Task Force. On review and after a reasonable/sufficient period a decision to cancel the non-performers is taken by the Task Force.

Statement-I

Units selected in last three years

Product/Name of the Unit	Whether MoU entered into	Whether in Operation	Remarks
Downstream Industries HP Napthalene			
Andhra Organics Himadri Chemcials	No No	— —	On review it was decided to make further value added items internally.
Slag based Industries			
Sri Ratnagiri Cements	Yes	Yes	
Sri Sowbhagya Cements (I) Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Himalaya Cements Pvt. Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Himagiri Cements (P) Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Visakha Cements (P) Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Neelakantha Cements Pvt. Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Sri Haripriya Cements Pvt. Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Sri Saptagiri Cements Pvt. Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Sri Sai Industries Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Sundar Cements (P) Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
SSR Cement & Allied Building Materials (P) Ltd.	Yes	—	Under implementation
Surya Chakra Cements Pvt. Ltd.	Yes	—	
Nagachandra Cements	Yes	—	
Sajeela Cements (P) Ltd.	Yes	—	
Samudra Cements Pvt. Ltd.	No	—	Being taken up with the parties.
Dolphin Cements (P) Ltd.	No	—	
Coke Dust			
Sri Krishna Steels (P) Ltd.	Yes	—	Cancelled due to no progress.
Reliable Bitumens	No	—	No progress being taken up with the party.
Sai Teja Enterprises	Yes	—	Under implement ation.
Threepuramba Enterprises	Yes		
Tar Pitch Based			
Hemadri Chemicals & Ind.	Yes	Yes	
Tarchem (P) Ltd.	Yes	—	Under implementation.
Atkal Tar Products	Yes	—	Cancelled.

Product/Name of the Unit	Whether MoU entered into	Whether in Operation	Remarks
Benzene Based			
Prahari Aromatics	No	—	Being
Harrington Chemicals (P) Ltd.	No	—	taken up
G Mallayya	No	—	with the parties.
Billet based Units (Rolling Mills)			
Velangapudi Steels Ltd.	Yes	—	Under implementation.
Loren Steels Pvt. Ltd.	No	—	Being taken up with the party.
Wire Rod Based			
Surana industries	Yes	Yes	
Gowthami Steels (P) Ltd.	Yes	Yes	
Visakha Iron & Steel Ltd.	Yes	—	Under implementation.
Madanlal Steel & Forgings	Yes	—	Cancelled.
ITW Signode (I) Ltd.	Yes	—	due to no progress.
Fly Ash Based			
Techsearch Austraila	Yes	—	Under implementation.
Ancillary Industries			
Wire Rope Slings			
Madras Hard Tools	Yes	Yes	

Statement-II

Details regarding the names of the selected companies with which the Memorandum of Understanding has not been signed.

1.	Coke Dust Based. Reliable Bitumens	Unit selected by task force in March, 1995. Also Accepted by VSP. Party has not shown any interest and has not responded to VSP's letters.
2.	HP Napthalene Based Andhra Organics Himadri Chemicals	Units selected by Task Force in Sep'. 1995. Subsequently VSP decided to withdraw this item and produce value added items internaly from HP Napthalene with additional facilities.
3.	BF Slag based Samudra Cements Pvt. Ltd. Dolphin Cements Pvt. Ltd.	Units selected by Task Force in Sep'. 1995. Accepted by VSP. Parties invited to set up the units. Being followed up with the parties.

4.	Benzene Based Prahari Aromatics Harrington Chemicals Ltd.	Units selected by Task Force in Sep'. 1995. Accepted by VSP. Parties invited to set up the units. Being followed up with the Parties.
	G. Mallayya	Unit selected by Task Force in Sep'. 1996. Accepted by VSP. Being followed up with the Party.
5.	Billet Based Lorven Steels Pvt. Ltd.	Unit Selected by Task Force in Sep'. 1996. Accepted by VSP. Party invited to set up the units. Being followed up with the Party.

Contribution of 'Sulabh Andolan' for Emancipation of Scavangers and their Rehabilitation

2372. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHA JI RAO, SHINDE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the matter of emancipation of scavengers from the ages old occupation and their rehabilitation, with the enforcement of the law, in different States, particularly in Gujarat/Maharashtra/Madhya Pradesh Orissa; and

(b) how far the 'Sulabh Andolan' has contributed to this process?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) (a) and (b) The information regarding points (a) and (b) is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Imposition of Heavy Duty on the Imports of Cotton Fabrics by the European Union

2373. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 22.7% duty imposed by the Europen Union on imports of *Indian Cotton fabrics*;

(b) the figures of domestic prices and the export prices of synthetic goods in the last two years; and

(c) steps being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (c) On the basis of a complaint from European domestic producers, the European Commission (EC) has imposed provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of unbleached cotton fabrics from China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and Turkey. The duties on Indian exports range from 2.7% to 22.7%. The Government has been providing all possible assistance to the Indian exporters in the anti-dumping investigation.

(b) The domestic prices and export prices of synthetic goods vary depending upon the type, variety, quality etc. of the goods.

मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में धान के भंडारण हेतु व्यवस्था

2374. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में उत्पादित धान के भंडारण हेतु समुचित व्यवस्था है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या वहां गोदामों का निर्माण करने संबंधी कोई योजना है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कितनी-कितनी क्षमता के गोदामों का कहां-कहां निर्माण किया जा रहा है; और

(घ) इनका निर्माण कार्य कब तक पूरा होने की संभावना है?